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The communication filed on May 11, 2004 presents claims which are not in compliance with revised 37 CFR § 1.121; and therefore, this communication is not deemed to be responsive to the previous Office action. In an amendment filed June 18, 2003 (copy enclosed), Applicant made significant changes to many of the original claims. The copy of claims presented in the communication filed May 11, 2004 fails to include the above noted changes. If Applicant desires to amend the currently pending claims to remove the changes made June 18, 2003, then these amendments must be indicated in the manner required by the revised amendment practice (copy enclosed). If, on the other hand, Applicant desires to retain the changes made June 18, 2003, then the claims as previously amended (with the identifier "previously presented") must be presented in the copy of claims.

The communication filed on May 11, 2004 is further non-responsive because it is unsigned.

Since the above mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, Applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

An examination of this application reveals that Applicant is unfamiliar with patent prosecution procedure. While an inventor may prosecute the application, lack of skill in this field usually acts as a liability in affording the maximum protection for the invention disclosed. Applicant is advised to secure the services of a registered patent attorney or agent to prosecute

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to I. Cintins whose telephone number is (571) 272-1155. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Duane Smith, can be reached at (571) 272-1166.

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